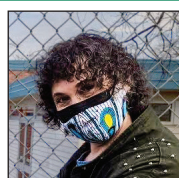




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Council and Greenway Center Discuss Tenant Issues, Covid

by Matthew Arbach

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Combined Properties (CP), owner of Greenway Center, is committed to making sure the center remains a vibrant and healthy city stakeholder in the face of the nation's recent economic challenges. On December 7, representatives met with the Greenbelt City Council to provide a picture of Greenway's struggles, victories and short- and long-term future.

Their main focus now is tenant retention. CP stressed that

while Covid-19 was a factor, several of the recent closings resulted from vicissitudes in the retail environment, with Hunan Treasure closing before March and Modell's at the beginning of March.

Currently, there are five vacancies at the property, with three new prospects in negotiations to replace them. Property Management Vice President Holly Haley said that while certain tenants like Capitol One and M&T Bank, Safeway and various medical offices have done well, the majority of other tenants, such as Ross Dress For Less, Party City and

PetSmart, have had to make serious adjustments to accommodate pandemic restrictions.

CP and its staff of 65 manages around 550 tenants on both the East and West Coasts. Of this portfolio, around 380 tenants have made requests for rent relief, which is now maxed out.

According to Executive Vice President of Acquisitions and Development Andrew McIntyre, "cash flow has greatly diminished," yet many tenants are "still well capitalized," with the

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Megan Young places a candle in the Greenbelt Museum window as part of the video *A Candle in the Window*, directed by Chris Cherry and produced by Greenbelt Recreation. To see the rest of the video go to https://youtu.be/DOMR_6S0zF4.

Scouts Food Drive



PHOTO BY AARON MARCVITCH

Scout families from Pack 202 collect food for their annual food drive, this year with social distancing in place. See story, page 7.

From the Archives

Community Holiday CARE Drive Aids Tibetan Refugees

by Russell Greenbaum

— *Greenbelt News Review*, December 1, 1960

An unprecedented holiday gift CARE campaign sponsored by the Greenbelt community will provide food packages for Tibetan refugees who have fled the Chinese Communist invasion of their country. Presently harbored in India, their plight has been previously little publicized.

Organized by Seymour Kaplan, 71-H Ridge Road, who is serving as permanent chairman, the campaign has received the enthusiastic support of every church group in the city plus leading civic organizations. Representatives of these groups have formed the committee which will direct the campaign. All promotional expenses will be paid by the Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association. An unusual feature is that no formal solicitation of

funds will be made.

The Greenbelt drive ties in with CARE's regular holiday gift campaign, in which people are encouraged to send a food package abroad in the name of someone else in place of a gift. This helps to solve the problem of the long Christmas shopping list. The purchaser of the CARE package sends a special greeting card provided by CARE to notify the person that a gift package has been sent in their name.

The new twist, which has never before been attempted by CARE, is that all of the food packages bought by local residents will be distributed to one particular needy group abroad. The refugees from Tibet will be told of Greenbelt's great concern about their difficult situation and the city's desire to feed as many

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NASA Worksession Ponders Concerns and Reassurance

by Cathie Meetre

In the Greenbelt City Council's annual worksession with the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC), held December 9, discussions ranged widely over the mutual interests of Greenbelt and GSFC. After Center Director Dennis Andrucyk described the center's exciting upcoming missions and initiatives in science and technology, attention focused on more earthly topics. Associate Center Director Ray Rubilotta presented the current status of the Preferred Master Plan for the next 20 years, noting that council should not assume the full plan would be built given that, of the preceding master plan, only about 30 percent came to pass. Rubilotta also divulged that although the budget for missions would likely increase, spending on infrastructure was expected to decrease.

The focus of the current master plan, according to Rubilotta, is engineering facilities, rather than the science and flight projects/programs theme, central to the previous plan and now mostly completed. The new Master Plan upgrades some existing buildings, creates some new facilities and

divests facilities which cannot cost-effectively be re-tooled.

Divested Property

Councilmember Judith Davis referred to a "rumor" that GSFC might pull the fence line back from Greenbelt Road and possibly sell the newly-exposed area to businesses. While Rubilotta said

that moving the fence line back was a desire, he stated categorically that there was no intention to develop the strip between the fence and the road, saying "We would never divest into anything like that. We would only increase

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GHI Installs Solar Panels On Administration Complex

by Deanna Dawson

The Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and the Greenbelt Baptist Church soon won't be the only establishments in town with a roof-top solar array. Solar panels are going up at the administration complex of Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) housing cooperative on Hamilton Place. According to Steve Skolnik, vice president of the GHI board of directors, solar panels will be installed on the roofs of the main office building, warehouse and carpentry shop, and a ground-based array will

be set up in the yard behind the buildings.

Sustainable Energy Systems (SES) of Frederick, Md., owns the solar panels and is installing them at no cost to GHI. GHI has entered into a power purchase agreement with SES, who will sell the power produced by the panels to GHI at a fixed rate that is lower than Pepco's. This lower electricity price is expected to offset about one-quarter of GHI's

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What Goes On

Thursday, December 17
1 to 3 p.m. Free Produce Distribution, Community Center
Monday, December 21
8 p.m. City Council Worksession: Public Education on Collective Bargaining Process (non-police)
All council meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.



PHOTO BY JILL CONNOR

Solar panels on a GHI end unit

Letters to the Editor

Ewok Displays His Buy Nothing Spirit!

What a joy to see the full-color photo of Ewok in the December 10 issue adorned in his new Santa suit gifted to member Flory Leitz on the local Buy Nothing Project Greenbelt group! While Ewok doesn't look particularly thrilled, 661 members of the community are currently loving sharing treasured items, friendship, expertise and gratitude safely when it feels like we have become so isolated from each other. As an affiliate group of the Buy Nothing Project operating across the state, country and internationally, we give where we live and share gifts freely to connect us to each other. Not only gifts, we share gratitude too, which is both fun to do and so necessary in today's world.

With more than 24,000 people living in Greenbelt, we hope that this is one of dozens of Buy Nothing Project groups established in our community and beyond! Please feel free to search us up on Facebook and share your gifts of abundance. We are in a Buy Nothing Project desert which means administrators for Buy Nothing Project groups are dearly needed in surrounding communities such as Berwyn Heights, College Park, Lanham and Beltsville. You can contact me at melissaehrenreich@gmail.com to learn how you can start up your own Buy Nothing Project group to spread the love this holiday season.

Melissa Ann Ehrenreich

Hillside Tunnel Trail

Thank you to the GHI Woodlands Committee for the delightfully playful new Hillside Tunnel Trail. We have taken our two grandchildren (ages 4 and 2) there multiple times. It has a whimsical, storybook quality to it. The kids practically dance down the winding trail, across the bridge and through the tunnel ... and back! Thank you so much for providing such a fun outdoor space. Goodness knows, in these crazy pandemic times, we need outdoor places like this to enliven our imagination and spirit. Thank you!

Katie Pugliese

Cut the Mow & Blow Landscape Crews

How about a little relief from the noisy, noxious, driveway-blocking "landscape" crews? Last summer, when no leaves were falling, the landscape contractors would nevertheless line out a deafening armada of smoke machines to blow dust and the occasional grass clipping back and forth across Ridge Road. Talk about pollution without a purpose!

This week, a leaf sucking crew blocked one lane of Ridge Road for hours, forcing bikes and socially distancing walkers into the middle of the road. Surprising absolutely no one, there was a crash in front of our house. (Thankfully, nobody was hurt.)

It's hard enough to safely back out of our driveway without getting T-boned by a speeding car or bus. But it's worse with leaf-sucking noise machines and trailers blocking the lanes and sightlines.

How did Greenbelt ever survive all those decades before the invasion of year-round, fossil-fuel belching "landscape" crews?

Looking for budget cuts in the Greenbelt or GHI budgets? I suggest cutting some of the unnecessary pollution, noise and road blockages caused by these oversized, out-of-proportion "landscape" services. Get a rake! If you can't rake, hire a kid! If you can't afford a kid, well, just leave the leaves where they lie. Greenbelt will survive.

Jeff Lemieux



Correction

The obituary for Christa Leckliter in last week's issue contained some incorrect information. Christa was born at Prince George's Hospital in Cheverly and grew up with her family in Greenbelt. It wasn't until much later in life that she moved to Virginia to live with her son Donald. She resided in Fredericksburg, but actually died in her son's home in Locust Grove, Va. The News Review regrets the errors.

Holiday Decoration Pictures Wanted!

Send us your high-resolution photos of holiday lights and decorations to add a splash of holiday pizzazz to the next two weeks of the News Review.



PHOTO BY JILL CONNOR

New larger and more colorful signs indicating the Greenbelt mask policy have been placed around town. The new PG County restrictions, which started December 16, include no indoor dining, but take out is still available. Outdoor dining is limited to 50% capacity. Casinos and retail stores are limited to 25% capacity. Indoor gatherings are limited to a maximum of 10 people and outdoor to 25 people. Face coverings are still mandatory outdoors except for during rigorous exercise, indoors while in public, and on all public transportation.



PHOTO BY MARY ANN BAKER

Elf on the Shelf (His name is Nelson.)



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Pete Reppert



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Community Events

Library to Suspend Curbside Pickup

Due to the surge in coronavirus cases, the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System is temporarily suspending curbside service from Monday, December 21, through Tuesday, January 12. The library buildings will be closed to staff during this period to ensure their and customers’ safety. Book drops will also be closed, as there will be no staff in the building to process returned items. Curbside service is scheduled to resume on Wednesday, January 13.

The online library will still be available 24/7 with access to ebooks, audiobooks, online resources, virtual library card registration and account renewals. Customers may place hold requests for physical materials during the suspension period, but holds will not be processed until staff returns to the buildings.

Library staff will telework during the temporary suspension period, continuing to serve customers through the Ask a Librarian/Biblio Consulta service, the online library and social media. This service will operate with modified hours: Mondays through Fridays, 1 to 5 p.m. Customers may contact library staff at 240-455-5451 or askalibrarian@pgcmls.info. Regular call center hours will resume on Tuesday, January 12 at 1 p.m.

The library parking lot will still serve as a hot spot for drive-up Wi-Fi during the closure.

Golden Age News

Happy and healthy holiday greetings to all Greenbelt senior citizens. Whether or not a current member of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club, any Greenbelt senior is invited to join the online meetings and mingle with a friendly group.

The club has been successfully meeting online for a couple of months now. Meetings are at the regular time, 11 a.m. each Wednesday, via Zoom or by telephone call-in. To join the Zoom or phone list, contact Rebekah Sutfin, the city’s therapeutic recreation supervisor (senior & inclusion programs), at 240-542-2056 (leave a message) or at rsutfin@greenbeltmd.gov.

It is fun to share news of what everyone is doing, and wonderful to see people’s faces again. And there still are monthly presentations. Recently, Betty Timer led a quiz related to holiday music. And as each piece was identified, many participants broke into song! It was a fun day.

Late December meetings:
December 23 – no meeting
December 30 – celebrate New Year’s Eve with the Golden Agers.

Art Classes Registration Open

Give the gift of experience, knowledge and skill this holiday season by signing up your loved one for a Greenbelt Recreation visual art or performing arts class. Classes start in early January. Most classes are currently virtual. Find more information by going to greenbeltmd.gov/recreation and clicking on Winter Classes.

Collaborative Listening To Build Relationships

The Prince George’s Community Collaborative Resolution Center (PGCCRC) offers a virtual learning series designed to help improve relationships between individuals, whether family, neighbors or work colleagues. This local mediation center has partnered with the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy to help fulfill one of the city’s goals of building a community that embraces diversity and fosters relationships across cultural and ethnic lines.

The four-part series, on successive Saturdays starting January 9 from 10 a.m. to noon, is called Collaborative Listening for Relationship Building. The goal of the series is to help families and individuals develop tools to better communicate in ways that strengthen their relationships, even when conversations are hard. Developing these skills will help individuals closed in at home by the coronavirus and on a collective level when the community begins to reconnect as the pandemic subsides.

The topic of the January 9 session is Listening When It’s Hard. The remaining sessions are: January 16, Speaking When Emotions Are High; January 23, Asking Questions That Encourage Understanding; and January 30, Brainstorming for Agreements and Resolutions.

All sessions are free and can be accessed through Eventbrite: eventbrite.com/e/collaborative-listening-for-relationship-building-tickets-130063903637?aff=ebdssbeac. Or simply go to eventbrite.com and search for Collaborative Listening. For more information email the PGCCRC at pgresolutioncenter@gmail.com.

Connect Virtually Across Greenbelt

Connecting Across Greenbelt is a group of residents who gather virtually to build relationships across neighborhoods and to understand current challenges for all Greenbelters. To research ways to cope in these difficult times, the group has built a Caring and Connecting Toolkit in association with leading mental health and community health leaders. The group invites members of the community and their families to access clinically proven mindful focusing techniques at bit.ly/mind4dr and a focusing tool for all ages at bit.ly/focusbottle.

To find out about the group’s monthly meetings, Connecting Across Greenbelt: Community Conversations, email community-connections@gb@gmail.com. The December 17 topic is Family Traditions.

Juried Art, Craft Fair

The Greenbelt Recreation ARTS Program is sponsoring an extended online edition of the city’s annual Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair. This event runs until Sunday, December 20. Guests can shop safely online with 54 regional fine artists, artisans and authors. Wares available for purchase include wall art, housewares, clothing, accessories, books, seasonings, soaps and more. Shoppers can also purchase tickets for online events through the Greenbelt Arts Center and merchandise supporting the Greenbelt Museum and Greenbelt Nursery School. To access the fair, guests should visit greenbeltmd.gov/craft. For additional information, email Anne Gardner at agardner@greenbeltmd.gov.



PHOTO BY MERVI HJELMROOS-KOSKI

Ikumi Kayama, seen here sketching at Denver Botanic Gardens in Denver, Colorado, is a scientific and medical illustrator who lives in Riverdale. She creates richly-detailed paintings of animals, available as prints and cards. Kayama recently worked with the bird banding lab at Patuxent Wildlife Refuge to create a series of commemorative artwork to celebrate 100 years of bird banding. Proceeds from the sale of these prints will benefit the refuge.



PHOTO BY MATT UDVARDY

Amy Castner of Iron Oak Pottery is one of the Friday Night Potters based at the Community Center. Other members of the group are Karen Arrington (Soulful Potter) and Jonathan Gordy (Lawpots).



PHOTO BY JANINE GUERIN


GCC Green Team Hosts Holiday Party

The Green Team of Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ invites the community to a multicultural Simple Holiday Outreach Party on Sunday, December 27, at 7 p.m. Contact Jane Young at gccjane@aol.com for information and for the Zoom link. This takes the place of the monthly Environmental Justice program held every fourth Sunday of the month, which will resume in January. Come share holiday traditions and how celebrations have changed this strange year.



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Obituaries

Stephen Fisanich



Stephen Fisanich

Stephen Fisanich, age 92, died on December 13, 2020, after a long battle with dementia. He was born on May 29, 1928, in Spangler, Pa. Steve was the third youngest of 11 children, the son of a coal miner and was raised during the Great Depression. He later proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. In 1958, he married Ethel Mae Goldian, his wife of nearly 51 years. In 1962, they moved to 6-E Plateau Place in Greenbelt where they raised their family and lived for over 40 years. Steve worked for the Government Printing Office as a painter and retired in 1992 after 30 years.

Steve was a devoted Catholic and lived a life of service. He sang in the church choir since he was a child and continued until he was no longer able. Some will remember “Mr. Fish” monitoring the door at St. Hugh’s luncheon, making sure the kids didn’t leave Grenoble Hall with soda cans, or watching over them during recess. Steve also spent decades as an active member in the Knights of Columbus at Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine. He was an ombudsman for area nursing homes advocating for the residents that

had no voice and volunteered for countless other community needs. Steve loved camping, gardening, tinkering, dancing, especially polka dancing, and singing. He loved the Pittsburgh Steelers and passed that love down to all his children.

Steve is survived by his brothers George Fisanich of Fairfield, Pa., and Frank Fisanich of Adelphi; his children Steve Fisanich (Genevieve), Greg Fisanich (Cathy), Joe Fisanich and Susie Derdeyn (Mike); and his grandchildren Jason Flanagan (Leslie), Holly Ferguson, Sophia and Samantha Derdeyn and Nicholas Fisanich.

Interment will be on December 23, 2020, at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Silver Spring. He will be greatly missed and remembered fondly by all who knew him.

Mowatt’s Christmas Concert Zooms On!

Through the wonders of technology, Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church (UMC) is pleased to offer their annual Christmas concert. On Saturday, December 19, starting at 8 p.m., they are sponsoring an evening of magical music. Both classic and contemporary pieces will be presented.

The concert is the combined effort of Mowatt, College Park UMC, St. John’s and University of Maryland students. This is a virtual concert on Zoom. All participants maintained social distancing or wore masks. See the ad on page 8 for details on joining the concert.



Sara, 4, shows off her Menorah and Christmas tree on Monday, the fifth night of Hanukkah.



Our condolences to the family and friends of Stephen Fisanich, a longtime Greenbelter and member of St. Hugh’s Church, who died on December 13.

Congratulations to Caitlin Higgins and J.D. Flanagan on their marriage on Saturday, December 12. The wedding ceremony took place in their beautifully lighted and decorated yard on Gardenway. The fine, mild evening weather contributed to making the occasion enjoyable for all who attended. The couple grew up in Greenbelt and have known each other for many years. Their neighbors, family and friends wish them a future of health and happiness.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

GCC Hosts Online Christmas Concert

The Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ will have a Christmas concert on Saturday, December 19 at 7 p.m. Music can bring relief and joy during periods of uncertainty and stress. Ken, Josh and Ian Littlefield invite people to watch and listen as they celebrate the birth of Jesus through song and reading of several passages from the Bible. Email kenlittlefield1@aol.com for Zoom link.

Drop us a Line!

Electronically, that is.

editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

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– Bahá’u’lláh



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of them as possible.

Since Tibet is on the border of India, the Tibetans have fled into that country, which unfortunately is presently struggling hard to feed its own population. Although India is doing what it can to help the refugees, the CARE packages are urgently needed to maintain a subsistence diet for the Tibetans. Lodged in remote villages on the border, they have not been noticed by the world.

As Kaplan explained it, “A gift of a dollar or more sent in the name of a friend on your shopping list – instead of a necktie or some other item that may never be used – will not only help people who have received little or no aid from the outside world but will also strike a blow against the threatening menace of Communism.” He pointed out that one dollar would pay for the supplementary feeding of a family of four for one month.

Each representative on the campaign committee will disseminate information to their own organization and collect orders for the food packages. Twin Pines will also accept orders. In addition, boxes will be placed around town and in the Coop food store for those who simply wish to contribute money toward the campaign.

All money collected will be deposited in a special account in Twin Pines, with the books open for public inspection. In addition to the standard CARE holiday gift card, insert cards will be provided by Twin Pines which will tell the recipient of the gift card about the special purpose of the Greenbelt campaign.

No goal in terms of dollars bought or food packages purchased has been set for the campaign, which will run through December 31.

CARE Drive for Tibetans in Final Phase

– Greenbelt News Review, December 22, 1960

Greenbelt’s campaign to aid Tibetan refugees in India moved into its final phase this week as local organizations cooperate in sharing gifts with those in need overseas.

Churches, co-ops, the American Legion, the News Review, and others are helping to get the word around town. Ministers from their pulpits, bulletin boards, and the representatives of the various cooperating organizations are pitching in.

The idea is appealing. You are able to honor a friend or a relative by sending a gift of life – of food to the hungry who have fled Communist oppression. Your friend receives from you a card stating that a package has been sent in his name



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via CARE. A Tibetan gets the CARE food package. Every cent collected in Greenbelt goes into the CARE package fund; all the local expenses of the Greenbelt CARE drive are being borne by Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association.

A CARE food package costs \$1. You may pay the \$1 (as many as you wish) to the representative of your organization – he or she has the cards you send to those in whose name the gift is sent.

Greenbelt Drive Collects \$636 for Tibetans
– Greenbelt News Review, January 12, 1961

Tibetan refugees from the Communist conquerors of their country soon will receive \$636.23 worth of CARE food packages with the heartfelt good wishes of the people of Greenbelt. This voluntarily contributed sharing of our holiday meals is the result of Greenbelt’s 1960 year-end CARE campaign carried on in the spirit of the holiday season.



A seagull stands at Ora Glen Pond in Greenbelt East.



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER 21-24

Monday, December 21 at 8:00pm, **PUBLIC EDUCATION ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PROCESS, (tentative)**, Virtual Meeting.

Wednesday, December 23 at 8:00pm, **SPECIAL MEETING- CLOSED SESSION** (See notice below)

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000. For information on public participation for the virtual meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltnmd.gov.

SPECIAL MEETING - CLOSED SESSION

City Council Virtual Meeting will be held online
Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at 8:00 PM

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, December 23, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. virtually by Zoom to: 1) discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting will be: 1) City Manager compensation.

**The public may attend the Special Meeting of the City Council immediately prior to the closed session and observe the vote of the Council to move into closed session with the dial-in information provided below.*

Resident Dial-in for observation: Join By Phone: (301) 715-8592
Meeting ID: 889 6689 0600, Password: 344738

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or emailbanderson@greenbeltnmd.gov.
Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on:

- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Community Relations Advisory Board
- Public Safety Advisory Committee
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

For more information call 301- 474-8000



GREENBELT RECREATION
WINTER ACTIVITY GUIDE
2021

SPECIAL EVENTS

ARTS CLASSES

FITNESS CLASSES

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Live classes on Zoom, On-Line, and Some On-Site Activities!

Greenbelt Recreation
www.greenbeltnmd.gov/recreation
301-397-2200

Check out the Winter Activity Guide

Registration is ongoing
Classes begin the week of January 4, 2021

Explore our Activity Guide for lots of options for all ages and interests. We offer seasonal special events and varied recreation facilities and classes to provide opportunities for community celebrations, a chance to learn something new or improve your skills in an activity you enjoy, all while socializing and staying active!

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed
Friday, December 25,
and Friday, January 1, in observance of the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of December 21 and December 28
Monday Route – no change
Tuesday Route – no change
Wednesday Route – no change
Thursday Route – no change

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, December 25, and Friday, January 1.

GREENBELT CONNECTION

The Greenbelt Connection will not operate on Friday, December 25, and Friday, January 1.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

The City of Greenbelt looks forward to celebrating the winter holidays with you. Programs will be tailored to the prevailing conditions. Please visit the Greenbelt Virtual Recreation Center for event information as it is announced. Also, mark your calendar for these upcoming programs:



GREENBELT FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS JURIED ART AND CRAFT FAIR

ONLINE: GREENBELTMD.GOV/RECREATION

BLACK FRIDAY (NOV. 27) - DECEMBER 20

57 LOCAL ARTISANS, AUTHORS AND NON-PROFITS

Mosaic by Celeste Kelly



HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING NOW AVAILABLE ON CITY OF GREENBELT YOUTUBE AND OTHER PLATFORMS!

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HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONCERT – ENCORE!

Enjoy an encore of the annual Holiday Lights Concert by the Greenbelt Concert Band, under the direction of Joan Rackey. This year, we bring you an encore performance of the 2019 concert, which was filmed live. Settle in with a mug of cocoa or a cup of egg nog and enjoy the music! On YouTube at https://youtu.be/xipKk_TX4v4



Light Up The Night With Hope

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LIGHT UP THE NIGHT WITH HOPE:

To mark the season, Greenbelt Recreation is presenting a heartwarming new video program titled Light Up The Night With

Hope: A Celebration of Music and Caring. The program features musical performances by the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Gospel Choir, the Eleanor Roosevelt Women's Chamber Ensemble, Greenbelt Recreation's Creative Kids Camp, and Greenbelt vocalists Amanda Sorensen and Aidan Larkin. The program also highlights how Greenbelt responds to neighbors in need, focusing on three programs that address food insecurity. Visit the Greenbelt Virtual Recreation Center at www.greenbeltnmd.gov/recreation

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the buffer back from 193 but not to put in gas stations or (fast food restaurants).” Within GSFC’s perimeter, divested facilities would likely go to other federal agencies or university affiliates desiring proximity to GSFC for research and collaboration. He stated that the agency in charge of the disposition would be the General Services Administration (GSA), not NASA.

Area 400, which is separated from the main campus, has no future anticipated use and would be turned over to GSA for disposition. Davis and Councilmember Rodney Roberts both expressed concerns, based on GSA being a main proponent for siting an industrial facility in the middle of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. They doubted that GSA would respect the environmental values and, as Roberts said, “let the trees grow back.”

Maglev Concerns

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Emmett Jordan, Rubilotta affirmed GSFC’s opposition to a Maglev train yard site. One proposed location is near the NASA space geodesy facility which relies for its work on a relatively dark night sky. He said that a formal position on this development has been submitted by GSFC. In response to Davis, Rubilotta divulged that GSFC is also concerned by the Maglev routing that intersects with the employee entrance ramps from the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Rubilotta promised Jordan that relevant submittals would be copied to the city.

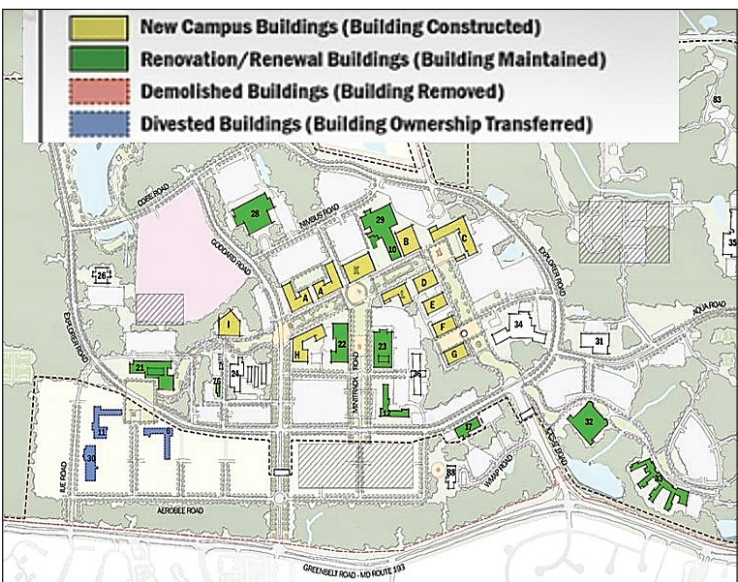
New Building

Director of Management Operations Dave Reth introduced the campus’s newest structure, a combination laboratory and office area, constructed to LEED Silver standards and including bio-retention ponds. In response to a question from Davis, Reth said that though the Greenbelt campus now has little solar installed, as plans evolve they will identify opportunities. He mentioned, however, that GSFC’s Wallops Flight Facility (near Chincoteague, Va.) has a 4.5-megawatt array alongside its runways. Additional environmentally friendly initiatives include reductions in non-porous surfaces and the return to meadow status of demolished sites. Reth reported that the GSFC’s deer and Canada geese were appreciative of the pandemic-related reduction in campus activity.

GSFC and Covid-19

Rubilotta described the NASA Covid-19 framework which defines four stages, with GSFC now at level three. Only individuals providing “touch labor” and supporting mission operations are on site, approximately one-third of the usual population. Andrucyk remarked that the center was being extremely productive in this mode, more than he had expected.

According to Rubilotta, any-



Map of Preferred Plan for GSFC. Pink areas are slated for divestiture, with crosshatched areas destined for conversion to porous surfaces.

one feeling unsafe working in person is fully backed by NASA in staying home. He stressed that the onsite strategy is based on science, metrics and data with health as first priority. Entering staff complete a health screening including temperature, contact analysis and symptom screening. If an employee tests positive (and a handful have) a strict cleaning protocol is overseen by the medical director and contact tracing is thorough.

With the Covid-19 suspension of line 15-X of The Bus and construction related to GSFC’s entrances, Jordan expressed concerns about access from Cipriano Square bus stops. He received assurances that GSFC is working with the county on transportation issues associated both with the pandemic and construction activities and that access will be available by Cipriano Square to bus riders and the disabled, with the gate open for full access for a few hours at the start and end of each work day.

Education

Director of Education Bob Gabrys recounted the extensive participation by GSFC in both intern

and student programs. Despite the pandemic, some 300 students (including 50 high schoolers) participated in virtual summer internships working with GSFC scientists and engineers. In response to a question from Councilmember Leta Mach, he described how GSFC’s programs extend beyond Prince George’s County schools to include home-schooled students, students in Baltimore and others across the country. A recent program (currently suspended due to the pandemic) with county schools routes all students visiting the Owens Science Center to the nearby Goddard Visitor Center, as well. Gabrys also described ongoing discussions to extend GSFC’s relationship with DuVal High School.

Gabrys said that the education program’s goals were not NASA-specific, defining success from a workforce point of view as a student staying in a related field – for example, becoming a science teacher or an engineer.



1-A Gardenway is ready for the holidays.



One of Santa's elves and one of his reindeer can be seen at 1 Court Gardenway.

- Photos by Glenn Harris



Christmas in Greenbelt

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Tape Gift Wrap Batteries

Local Church and ERHS Group Distribute Christmas Cheer

by Gary Childs

MCF Community Church (Maryland Christian Fellowship Community Church) and an Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) student club, TLC (Truth, Love & Character), distributed Christmas dinner to almost 60 families. Twenty-six volunteers from the church, student group and community carried out the distribution. Combining the totals of the Thanksgiving and Christmas meal distributions conducted by MCF and TLC, nearly 400 meals – almost five tons of food – were distributed by around 70 volunteers. The church is grateful for these opportunities to live out what they say they believe and consider the freely given food a metaphor for God’s freely given love to all people. All those who participated in the distribution recognize the challenges facing many families during the pandemic and consider it a privilege and honor to serve their neighbors as they are able.

Pastor Jeff Warner of MCF expressed his thanks to TLC president Samantha Lynch, ERHS Principal Reginald McNeill, ERHS Facility Supervisor Eric Dent, TLC students and MCF Community Church and MCF students who volunteered. He also thanks Katie Warner and Lighthouse Church for their generous food contribution, Jane Njiahia for food coordination, Ebere Okoye and Debbie DiVirgilio for their support with the grant that made the distribution possible, and Tom Carter Photos, the local business that donated the reusable MCF Community Church bags used for the food.

- Photos by Jeff Warner



Volunteers load Christmas food bags into a car.



All 60 bags are lined up, ready for distribution.



Volunteers direct traffic for the Meal Giveaway.



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Scouts Lead Successful Scouting for Food Drive

by Aaron Marcavitch

Greenbelt Cub Scout Pack 202 would like to extend a rousing scouting “Thank You!” to all of the community residents who donated to Scouting for Food this year. The collection points and drop off at the Greenbelt Community Church were well attended with many good words for the work the scouts did. The pack successfully collected 63 bags of food, at about five pounds each for a total of more than 300 pounds of food. The food was donated to the Berwyn Heights Food Pantry that services the Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights and College Park areas. This food pantry sees about an average of three to four families a day, with each family unit receiving about seven bags of food. During the last 12 months, the Food Pantry provided an emergency supply of food to 350 families comprising 1,152 individuals.

Judy Birkenhead, the Food Pantry coordinator, wrote, “Thank

you for organizing the food drive to benefit our pantry. That is a splendid donation. All the items have now been sorted and shelved and are ready for our clients. We’re grateful for the work done by Cub Scout Pack 202 in helping us keep the shelves of our pantry well and fully stocked. Please let the Scouts know that we thank them for their support of our mission.”

Cub Scout Pack 202 is the community’s oldest scout troop with about 40 families participating in levels from kindergarten to fifth grade. Potential scouts interested in participating in a pack with activities like winter parties, pinewood derbies, camping and more, can email marcavitch@gmail.com for details.

See Berwyn Presbyterian Church’s food pantry webpage, berwynpresbyterian.net/help-by-phone-pantry.html, for more information.



Callum Bedford-Dillow displays a sign and food collection box.

PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD

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electric bill. Energy use beyond what can be generated by the solar array will be purchased from Pepco, but the combined cost of electricity from both sources should represent a considerable savings to GHI. Skolnik expects the solar array to be operational in February, 2021.

GHI Home Solar

A few GHI members have recently installed roof-mounted solar photovoltaic energy systems on their homes. Skolnik says there is a “strong positive benefit” to members who do it, but the tree cover in the community is a discouragement. Rather than purchasing and installing their own solar arrays, some GHI members have subscribed to community solar through Neighborhood Sun, which provides energy from three solar farms in Prince George’s County.

A Solar Pioneer

This isn’t GHI’s first foray into solar power. In 1975, GHI entered into a cooperative agreement with Goddard Space Flight Center for a solar heat experimental project. The February 20, 1975 issue of the News Review stated that the signing of the agreement “may be the start of the most significant development in Greenbelt’s history since the federal sale of the original homes to Greenbelt Homes, Inc.” (greenbeltnewsreview.com/issues/GNR19750220.pdf). The Washington Star ran a feature story on the project and speculated that Greenbelt might be the first community in Prince George’s County to warm its homes with solar heat. The project got off to a bumpy start, however, when parts for the planned solar collectors were difficult and costly to procure, forcing the project

to pare the original plan to include 16 homes. Solar collectors eventually were installed on four homes in 2 Court Southway (units A to D), with energy use and costs compared to the other four homes in the court with no solar panels.

In 1978, GHI received a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a second solar demonstration project, and solar panels were installed on the roof of one row of homes in 14 Court Ridge Road, to provide hot water to 20 homes in the court. Although both projects yielded electricity savings, the solar systems were considered costly to run and maintain, so the “solar homes” were converted to conventional electric heat and hot water in 1982 as part of GHI’s first community-wide rehabilitation project.

For More Information

Anyone interested in GHI’s early solar projects can read about them in the News Review archives (greenbeltnewsreview.com/archives). Online issues from 1964 through 1982 were scanned from newsprint originals as part of the Greenbelt Archive Project ([see greenbeltarchive.org](http://greenbeltarchive.org)), replacing the harder-to-read microfilm-based pdfs that had been on the Archives website. More of the new pdfs will be uploaded over the coming months.



Greenbelt Lake fountain at night

PHOTO BY RON BENJAMIN

Reel and Meal Will Screen Voter Suppression Documentary

by Cam MacQueen

On Monday, December 21 at 6:45 p.m., Reel and Meal will virtually screen the documentary *Rigged: The Voter Suppression Playbook*. The film begins at 7 p.m. with entry to Zoom beginning at 6:45 p.m. Registration is required. To sign up go to tinyurl.com/y2ky8cpk.

Narrated by Jeffrey Wright, *Rigged* chronicles how the right to vote has been undercut by a decade of dirty tricks, including the partisan use of gerrymandering, voter purges and the gutting of the Voting Rights Act by the Supreme Court. The film captures real-time voter purges in North Carolina and voter intimidation in Texas. “*Rigged* shows how the right to vote is under attack from every direction and we need to let people know about it,” said executive producers Mac Heller and Timothy Smith. “Unless we act now and seek to protect and, yes, augment the right to vote, we will witness the slow bleed-out of our democracy.”

This screening is timely as it comes less than a month before the runoff elections in Georgia, where the Voter Suppression Playbook will be operating at full throttle. Watch and learn how to

be an active participant in defending our democracy.

A discussion will follow led by Aunna Dennis, executive director of Common Cause Georgia, who combines her passions for social impact, culture, boots-on-the-ground organizing and policy, with her expertise in elections mobilization, issue advocacy and voting rights. Dennis has worked for Rock the Vote, Service Employees International Union, The Whitehouse Project, the Georgia General Assembly, as well as the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, and as an election trainer with Montgomery (Maryland) County Board of Elections.

Reel and Meal at the New Deal, a monthly film series focused on environmental justice, social justice and animal rights issues, is organized by Beavercreek Watershed Watch Group, Green Vegan Networking, Utopia Film Festival and the Prince George’s County Peace & Justice Coalition.

For more information visit the New Deal Café website (newdealcafe.com/events/reel-and-meal/) or Facebook page.



PHOTO BY AMANDA LARSEN

Greenbelters were excited to see the first snow of the season on Wednesday, but Sophie the cat prefers to stay inside while her humans play outside in the snow.



Happy Holidays!

As we near the end of an unexpected year, I am reflecting on how we view ‘home.’ It’s a place we cherish and call our own. Whether you are able to spend time with your family this holiday season or not, I hope that you, too, are rediscovering the meaning of home and the significance it holds for you.

Cheers to new beginnings!

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Shooting
December 3, 11:17 a.m., 6100 Breezewood Court. Officers responded to a report of the sound of gunshots and found that three people fired shots at another person and then fled on foot. The man who had been shot fled in a white Acura. There were no other reports of injuries but several vehicles were damaged.

Attempted Robbery
December 4, 5:53 p.m., Breezewood Court near Springhill Lane. Five youths approached two others who were playing basketball and demanded the cell phone of one of them, who refused to hand it over. One of the five displayed a handgun. Then all five assaulted one of the basketball players, took his cell phone and then returned it to him. The other basketball player was thrown to the ground and suffered a minor injury. All five then fled on foot.

Assault
December 6, 3:26 p.m., 6242 Greenbelt Road. A man approached another man who was standing at the drive-through window at Wendy's awaiting his order. He apparently got angry with the man in line for taking too long and assaulted him. The man in line was treated on the scene for a head laceration.

Theft
December 7, 3:15 p.m., 7595 Greenbelt Road. A wallet was taken from a purse in a shopping cart at Safeway.

Counterfeit Money
December 12, 8:07 p.m., 5910 Greenbelt Road. A woman came into CVS and attempted to purchase merchandise using a coun-

terfeit bill. The employee refused to accept the bill and the woman left. A short time later a man entered the store, paid for some merchandise and then threw the change at the cashier before he left. Both he and the woman then reentered the store together, threw a store sign at the cashier and then fled in a red Toyota.

Burglary
December 5, 4:49 a.m., 121 Centerway. A witness saw a man wearing dark clothing enter the Co-op Supermarket after walking through the unlocked outer doors, carrying a tire iron. When he saw the witness, he fled and got into a dark colored SUV that was being operated by a second man.

Vandalism
December 5, 11 a.m., 6218 Breezewood Drive. The glass front door to an apartment building was broken out.

December 6, 2:03 p.m., 5821 Cherrywood Lane. The sliding glass door of a residence was broken out.

December 12, 11:39 p.m., 5917 Cherrywood Terrace. Eggs were thrown at the window and balcony area of a residence. A person possibly involved was wearing a red coat with fur on the hood and was seen fleeing the area.

Vehicle Crime
A possibly unlocked vehicle in the 8200 block Canning Terrace was rummaged through. Loose change was taken from a possibly unlocked vehicle in the 7700 block Mandan Road. In the 8000 block Greenbelt Station Parkway a window was broken out to gain access but nothing appeared to have been taken.

The Saga of Stolen Vehicles: Don't Encourage a Thief

by Sue Krofchik

Police tell residents: Don't make it easy for car thieves. There are many ways to steal a vehicle and this past week had several examples.

Some cars were stolen after being left unlocked and with the engine running. One was a Toyota Sienna, taken from the 9200 block Springhill Lane on December 9 and recovered three days later by D.C. Metropolitan Police, without the tags. A Honda Pilot was also taken on December 9 from the 6200 block Breezewood Court using these same means.

An attempted vehicle theft occurred in the 7300 block Hanover Parkway on December 4 when a woman in her vehicle in a parking lot was approached by a man who told her to get out of the car. When she got out, she took her keys with her. When the man

got in the vehicle, he demanded the keys. She refused to give them to him and he fled on foot. He did not get very far away because the woman was able to identify him. This was his first crime of the day.

His second crime of the day was his downfall. This 41-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with motor vehicle theft, attempted motor vehicle theft, second degree assault and several traffic citations when he fled Safeway after he removed keys from a woman's jacket pocket. She was shopping inside Safeway at 6:28 p.m. when the man grabbed the keys and fled. She tried to prevent him from entering her 2015 Chevrolet Impala, at which time he pushed her to the ground. The woman approached a nearby officer and pointed out

the man as he was driving away. As he attempted to flee, he was involved in an accident with another vehicle and a police cruiser. The car came to a stop after it struck the M&T Bank building. He was arrested on the scene and was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

The next case involves a woman in the 9100 block Springhill Lane who was unloading groceries from her Toyota RAV4 when a man wearing a black jacket drove off with it. It was recovered the next day by D.C. Metropolitan Police in the 5100 block of Alabama Avenue S.E., Washington, D.C.

Some thefts are unremarkable. Nothing exciting. For example, a blue 2001 Chrysler Town and Country van with Virginia tags UUZ8761 was taken on December 6 from the 8000 block Mandan Road.

Remember: Don't make it easy for car thieves.



PHOTO BY MELANIE GASCHICK

The Gaschick family puts the crowning touch on their Christmas tree.



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A Review

GUTENBERG! THE MUSICAL! Enhanced by Virtual Format

by Melissa Sites



David Koenigsberg and Aria Velz star in GUTENBERG! THE MUSICAL! at Greenbelt Arts Center.

As a musical about the thrills and challenges of making theater, GUTENBERG! THE MUSICAL! is an apt choice for a quarantine production. Greenbelt Arts Center’s presentation of this musical by Anthony King and Scott Brown, originally developed by the lauded improv group Upright Citizens Brigade, is directed by Zack Walsh. Starring just two actors and a musician, with a few cameo appearances including Satan the Cat(s), the show outlines the bare bones of what a musical is, while the actors satirically explain to the audience exactly how each musical number functions in the show.

Two aspiring writers, Bud (David Koenigsberg) and Deb (Aria Velz), present their new musical about Johannes Gutenberg, inventor of the printing press, hoping to catch the attention of Broadway producers. Bud and Deb don numerous hats (literally!) as they zip through their musical, introducing a cast of characters including the hero Gutenberg, love interest Helvetica, villain Monk and henchman Young Monk, plus many others. They explain that the show takes place in “olden times” so that some characters will have outrageous accents. Historical fact plays almost no role in this musical, except for the name of

the main character and the year, 1450.

The two main characters primarily share the show with their audience through a Zoom-like setup, but in reality the whole show has been filmed – allowing the actors to leave their computers and roam throughout their houses and out into the world beyond. One highlight is Haunted German Wood, a fun song-and-dance number, giving the Monk’s evil Satanic backstory as Koenigsberg, outstanding as a gleeful and maniacal villain, dances out of his house and into a familiar Greenbelt sword and stand of trees.

While Bud and Deb don’t seem to realize that Johannes Gutenberg may not be the most exciting hero for a musical and that their songs are rather absurd, Koenigsberg and Velz present their musical numbers with verve and talent, expertly accompanied by Music Director Lucia LaNave on keyboard. Filming also allows for effects, including lightning hands (!) and allowing the actors to appear in multiple guises simultaneously.

Purchase tickets at greenbeltartscenter.org to receive a link to stream the video anytime between 8 p.m. Friday, December 18, and midnight on Saturday, December 19.

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outcome unclear over “who will be left standing.” He said they are focused on stabilizing the tenant base, and that “we are in the thick of it, dealing with business owners every day. We are dealing with livelihoods, some of which have gone away in a moment.” He hopes to turn a corner in the next two months, but there is no guarantee of normalcy, stressing that there is “a possibility of new vibrancy in a center like this.” He said that they are beyond the point of triage and trying to get tenants through “the best we can.”

Jonathan Shartar, vice president for leasing, said that despite these uncertain times, it is still “a great time to get into retail,” but it takes “guts and risk tolerance.” McIntyre added that “to do this, one must be an optimist and believe in a vision.” Shartar said that, were a business to get started now, by the time it opened, a large percentage of the country would be vaccinated. He added that much consideration goes into the adding of businesses to all of their centers, that they must “fit into the fabric” and offer “what the community wants.” Shartar remarked that “tenants are successful if they advance the center forward.”

Greenbelt Police Chief Richard Bowers said that crime at Greenway involves mostly shoplifting.

When asked how CP is helping their tenants to adhere to pandemic safety restrictions, Haley said that CP has been providing information and assistance since the beginning, and that each business has unique challenges. CP has provided social distancing decals and safety signage as well. CP has encouraged each tenant to “think outside the box,” with many tenants utilizing curbside and sidewalk services and online ordering. Said Haley, every tenant has been impacted by Covid-19 and has had “to roll with the punches.”

Councilmember Edward Putens brought up the messiness and

potential safety hazards at the Dollar Tree. Property Manager Carolissa Smith acknowledged that the corporation has had a tendency towards “dragging their feet” with complaints. Haley asked for patience, as the CP staff is stretched thin. CP was amenable to assisting any efforts by the city to improve conditions at the store.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan brought up the possibility of installing pedestrian lanes in the parking lot. Construction Project Manager Matt Butler said that this would violate the approved site plan with the county, and that to redesign it would be costly and take several years. Councilmember Judith Davis remarked that these lanes probably should have been included in the initial designs.

As it is county property, any improvements to Greenway Center’s bus stop would have to be county led and funded. CP has also looked at improving the adjoining sidewalk, per the city’s request, but due to the pandemic, excess spending has had to be curtailed. Jordan pointed out there is currently no sidewalk entrance to Greenway Center, a request going back 10 years.

Even though CP has converted some of their properties into residential/retail developments (similar to what is proposed at Beltway Plaza), there are no plans currently to pursue this with Greenway Center. Councilmember Rodney Roberts advised caution over such a possibility, citing that too much development in Greenbelt would hamper quality of life and disregard the market focus on more open area housing.

Council was appreciative of CP’s efforts to support their tenants and be a part of the Greenbelt community, with Davis asserting that Greenway Center “looks very attractive compared with other strip malls” in the area.

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Greenbelter Pragati Godbole’s Art Uses Bright Array of Colors

by Letty Wilson Bonnell

Pragati Godbole describes her painted jars, bottles, flowerpots and ornaments as “paying tribute to the smorgasbord of colors” that is her homeland – India. She came to Greenbelt from her hometown of New Delhi in 2004 to work on a doctorate in education policy studies at the University of Maryland and, with the addition of an M.Ed. degree in educational psychology, now works as an international development professional.

Godbole’s art-making trajectory began in 2017, when she participated in a Mini Maker Faire sponsored by the Greenbelt MakerSpace while she was recovering from a broken foot. As she painted colorful patterns on flowerpots during one of the Maker Faire art activities, she recalled that years before, as a way to relax while working on her doctoral dissertation, she often created works on paper with her daughter’s borrowed paint set. “It felt really good,” she remembers.

After her MakerSpace experience, Godbole came across the work of an artist who painted on glass jars and bottles, which inspired her to begin painting on glass containers she collected around her house. Once she realized the possibilities of upcycling such vessels with vivid acrylic designs, she put out a request for empty jars and bottles to the Greenbelters Facebook group. She quickly ended up with three crates of glassware that she transformed into bud vases, oil cruets and soap dispensers, embellishing each with multi-colored bands of abstract patterns. For the past two years she has entered the Retro Town Fair sponsored by the Greenbelt Museum, where she was awarded a purple ribbon in 2019 for one of her painted wine-bottle cruets and second place in 2020 for a painted terracotta flowerpot inspired by Turkish pottery designs.

Although Godbole has not had any formal art training, she wrote poetry and took art and art history classes as a teenager in New Delhi, participating in several inter-school art competitions. This early interest in art history led her to discover artists from other cultures, such as the French Impressionist painter Georges Seurat. Her current art fuses such traditional Indian arts as the elegant linear henna designs of mehndi and the complex border patterns on sari textiles with the pointillism of Seurat.

On her Etsy website (where her username is Grand Gondwana), Godbole prominently displays a quote by her favorite poet, John Keats: “A thing of beauty is a joy forever: Its loveliness increases; it will never pass into nothingness.” This sentiment suggests to her not only that art is eternal, but that it appeals across cultures, which is evident in her vibrantly patterned objects that reflect art from both the East and the West.

Based on her own experience in the relaxing properties of making art, Godbole also believes that “creating art, regardless of one’s skill level or the art form, is crucial to well-being and healing.” She continues, “I’m not sure if the impact on our lives



The artist poses with her first bulk order ready for shipping. On top of the box are a few of the Christmas ornaments and terracotta pots which can be found on her online store.

- Photos by Letty Wilson Bonnell



Hand-painted vases in pastel

can be quantified or measured, but it can certainly be felt. I hope more people get opportunities to experience this impact for themselves by engaging with the artist within.”

Enjoy Godbole’s joyful artwork this holiday season by visiting Greenbelt’s Festival of Lights juried Art and

Craft Fair online (greenbeltnet.org/craft) where she is participating for the first time.



A Christmas penguin is all dressed up for the season at 2 Gardenway.



Hopes and Dreams



Artist-in-Residence Rachel Cross attaches her community art installation, Hopes and Dreams for our Community, to the fence at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center on Saturday, December 12.



Johanna and Elizabeth Moore work on art pieces to add to the installation on the GAFC fence. Participants received materials via contactless pick-up and then worked in socially distanced groups to write and draw their hopes and dreams for our community.

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